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1920 TO THE VOTERS OF MILWAUKEE:

Out of 30 candidates recommended by the Voters' League before the primary as best qualified for aldermen and supervisors, 24 were nominated. The League presents herewith its usual pre-election report on candidates selected by the people at the primary.

In addition to twenty-five ward aldermen and eleven members of the county board, the voter will cast his ballot for mayor, city treasurer, city comptroller, justice of the peace, constable, a judge of the circuit court and also the delegates to the presidential nominating conventions. The question of a civic center site, consolidating judicial circuits and increased pay for state legislators will be submitted at this election. Bond issues to be submitted to the voter include \$1,000,000 for street widening, \$600,000 for Cedar street bridge; \$500,000 for permanent harbor improvements; \$400,000 for school buildings; \$160,000 bridge bonds and \$270,000 for natatoria and bath houses.

The Voters' League again calls attention to the great importance of the coming election, because of the large number of unusually important projects that will come before the next common council as well as the county board. The terms of all candidates for city and county offices will continue for four years; an additional reason for the exercise of good judgment in the election.

The Voters' League recommends no candidate of the Socialist party for election. In reiterating its opposition to the candidates of this party the League is guided by the party record. The Socialist party here as well as throughout the country generally has pursued a line of action that is clearly antagonistic to the interests and principles of our government. Its members appear to us to have been more directly concerned with the spread of Socialist party propaganda than with the interests of the public. We believe that many who supported the party in the past did so without a full realization of the nature of its doctrines or the purposes of its leaders, who have constantly appealed to discontent, and sought to fan the flames of class hatred. Their record in public office indicates that they lack initiative, and that most of the more important projects up for consideration originated with the Nonpartisans. Socialist candidates who have joined their leaders in support of the I. W. W., the Bolsheviki and other revolutionary agencies have forfeited their rights to the suffrage of all citizens who love America, who respect the constitution, and who strive to perpetuate and improve our institutions.

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association of citizens, its purpose is to furnish information to those who have neither the time nor the opportunity to obtain for themselves facts concerning candidates necessary to an intelligent selection, and to aid in the election of those believed to be best qualified for office.

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In some wards and districts the candidates believed to be best qualified failed of nomination at the primary. In all cases the League recommends the candidate who appears to be best qualified.

Voters are urged to preserve this report for use at the polls.

Persons who expect to be out of the city on election day may vote by mail. For this purpose they may obtain ballots by application to the City Election commission at the city hall for city ballots, and the County Election commission at the courthouse for county ballots. Applications must be made in writing, stating name, address and reason for absence. Such applications may be made not more than twenty days or less than three days prior to the election if made by letter, and not less than one day prior to the election if made in person. If a voter is ill at home or hospital he may follow the same procedure, accompanying his request by a physician's affidavit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Our recommendations, together with reports on individual candidates, follow:

ALDERMEN

First Ward

HANNIFIN recommended.

LEO HANNIFIN, 390 Cambridge Ave.; age 35; born in Milwaukee; graduate of Marquette university and attended medical department, Creighton university, Omaha, for two years; 2nd lieutenant 120th Field artillery, 32nd division; in service 22 months; senior cost clerk, Milwaukee water department. Believed qualified.

JOHN I. SUMINSKI, 328 Brady St.; present incumbent; age 41; embalmer and funeral director; in council since 1918. Absent 6 out

of 73 council sessions; missed 3 out of 57 committee meetings. Good voting record but shows little evidence of initiative. Considered fairly qualified.

Second Ward

WEISS recommended.

LOUIS WEISS, 336½ 12th St.; present incumbent; age 56; collector for brewery; in council since 1916, also 1910-12. Absent 6 out of 73 council sessions; missed 5 out of 87 committee meetings. Recommended for re-election.

MILTON HUSSLEIN, 1705 Vliet St.; Socialist candidate.

Third Ward

CORCORAN recommended.

CORNELIUS CORCORAN, 222 Martin St.; present incumbent; age 55; hay, oats and grain (Corcoran Bros.); in council since 1892; president of council. Absent 11 out of 73 sessions. Active in patriotic work and one of the most serviceable members of the council; incisive and fair as presiding officer. Entitled to re-election on his record.

PETER ZOLL, 226 Wisconsin St. Socialist candidate.

Fourth Ward

KOERNER recommended.

JOHN KOERNER, 187 12th St.; present incumbent; age 48; dealer in auto tires; former saloon and restaurant keeper; in council since 1916; former alderman 1904-06 and 1908-12; familiar with procedure relative to public business; record generally good; attended all of council sessions; missed 10 out of 83 committee meetings. Recommended for re-election.

JOHN O. STEFFEN, 123 4th St. Socialist candidate.

Fifth Ward

CALLAN recommended.

FRANK T. CALLAN, 344 Madison St.; age 31; born in Milwaukee; cigar salesman; secretary of Democratic county committee. Believed fairly qualified.

THOMAS M. REYNOLDS, 409 Walker St. Socialist candidate.

Sixth Ward

HERRMANN recommended.

GEORGE J. HERRMANN, 640 1st St.; present incumbent; age 39; merchant tailor; in council since 1914; attentive to his duties and voting record good. Attended all of council sessions and committee meetings. Chairman committee on public buildings and grounds. Considered qualified and recommended for re-election.

ARTHUR SHUTKIN, 702 Germania St. Socialist candidate.

Seventh Ward

KOELZER recommended.

ELSMERE J. KOELZER, 944 18th St.; age 28; born in Milwaukee; attended parochial school, and graduate of Marquette college of law; lieutenant of infantry during the war; 18 months' service; shows intelligent interest in public affairs. Believed well qualified and gives promise of useful service if elected.

JOHN DOERFLER, JR., 1916 Clarke St. Socialist candidate.

Eighth Ward

LASSA recommended.

FELIX LASSA, 921 10th Ave.; age 43; born in Poland; cigar maker; successful in business and well spoken of by business associates. Believed qualified.

WALTER POLAKOWSKI, 918 6th Ave. Socialist candidate.

Ninth Ward

BENDINGER recommended.

HENRY J. BENDINGER, 580 16th St.; age 35; born in Milwaukee; attended public and high schools and Marquette Law school; active 4-Minute Man and member of local draft board; well informed and energetic. Believed well qualified.

HERMAN O. KENT, 2115 Galena St. Socialist candidate.

Tenth Ward

TESCH recommended.

ROBERT TESCH, 2018 Lloyd St.; age 41; (Bob Tesch Cigar Co.); manufacturer of cigars; formerly in tea and coffee business; alderman 10th ward 1914-16, with fairly good council record.

CARL P. DIETZ, 778 17th St. Socialist candidate.

Eleventh Ward

KOSAK recommended.

LEO KOSAK, 777 23rd Ave.; age 39; born in Milwaukee; linotype operator; former stenographer; manager of newspaper carriers; served in world war two and one-half years as captain, and was seriously wounded; chosen by the council for the unexpired term of the late Ald. E. A. Wittig. Believed qualified.

OLE A. OLSEN, 815 Forest Home Ave. Socialist candidate.

Twelfth Ward

DREZDZON recommended.

JOSEPH F. DREZDZON, 622 Grove St.; age 29; born in Milwaukee; attended parochial and public schools; two years' service in World war; employed as clerk in city treasurer's office. Believed qualified.

MAX GRASS, 293 Mitchell St. Socialist candidate.

Thirteenth Ward

LANDOWSKI preferred.

ROBERT J. LANDOWSKI, 933 Humboldt Ave.; present incumbent; age 35; plumber; in council since 1918; a follower; gives no evidence of increased fitness for public service from experience. Absent 2 out of 73 council sessions; missed 1 out of 46 committee meetings.

ALBERT F. GIESE, 973 3rd St. Socialist candidate.

Fourteenth Ward

JANICKI recommended.

ALBERT JANICKI, 1114 5th Ave.; age 26; shoe factory employe before world war; 18 months in service; lost leg in fighting.

MARTIN CYBOROWSKI, 668 Dakota St. Socialist candidate.

Fifteenth Ward

O'CONNOR recommended.

CHARLES W. O'CONNOR, 299 21st St.; present incumbent; age 34; insurance agent; in council since 1916; chairman committee on legislation-rules; has given improved service with experience in office and has generally good voting record. Absent 7 out of 73 council sessions; missed 6 out of 57 committee meetings. Entitled to re-election on his record.

GUSTAV PAGEL, 379 34th St. Socialist candidate.

Sixteenth Ward

McWILLIAMS preferred.

DANIEL L. McWILLIAMS, 2623 Grand Ave.; age 32; former policeman and real estate agent; attended high school and Marquette University law school; in army twenty-seven months, returning as first lieutenant; shows keen interest in public affairs. Believe qualified.

PATRICK J. GROGAN, 2611 Sycamore St.; present incumbent; age 62; insurance agent; former milk dealer and ward foreman; member of council 1886-88, 1900-02 and since 1916 with fair record. Absent 1 out of 73 council sessions; missed 2 out of 42 committee meetings. Did good work as chairman of license committee; attentive to ward interests.

Seventeenth Ward

CAMPBELL recommended.

GEORGE C. CAMPBELL, 591 Linus St.; present incumbent; age 46; news dealer; member of committee on public welfare and committee on revision and engrossed ordinances; in council since 1914; has rendered fair service. Absent 4 out of 73 council sessions; missed 1 out of 128 committee meetings. Entitled to re-election.

PAUL GAUER, 220½ Burrell St. Socialist candidate.

Eighteenth Ward

GREENE recommended.

WILLIAM I. GREENE, 677 Summit Ave.; present incumbent; age 45; general insurance (Greene Bros. & Hansen); member of council 1898-1900 and since 1912; chairman of streets-alleys committee; one of the ablest members of the council. Absent 4 out of 73 council sessions; missed 6 out of 45 committee meetings. Clearly entitled to re-election.

BYRON A. MORGAN, 714 Murray Ave.; age 51; member of firm of Byron A. Morgan Co. (real estate and insurance); member of council 1914-1918; a satisfactory council record; an unusually good attendance record. With few exceptions voted independently for constructive measures; did commendable work on finance committee.

Nineteenth Ward

ESSER recommended.

WILLIAM ESSER, 3616 Lisbon Ave.; present incumbent; age 44; plumbing contractor; in council since 1918, with good voting record, but of limited usefulness. Absent 3 out of 73 council sessions; missed 10 out of 99 committee meetings. Recommended for re-election.

F. J. SACHSE, 660 26th St. Socialist candidate.

Twentieth Ward

DIETRICH recommended.

ARTHUR C. DIETRICH, 1358 27th St.; age 33; dentist thirteen years; believed fairly well qualified.

AUGUST W. STREHLOW, 1207 21st St. Socialist candidate.

Twenty-first Ward

MUTH recommended.

ADAM MUTH, 1250 2nd St.; age 50; appointed member of council to fill vacancy caused by the death of Ald. Bechtner, and elected in 1914 for two years; has been active in civic work; possesses energy and ability, but former record in council not praiseworthy.

WILLIAM BAUMANN, 1316 Booth St. Socialist candidate.

Twenty-second Ward

RADKE recommended.

JOHN W. RADKE, 4409 Lisbon Ave.; present incumbent; age 33; undertaker; former fireman; in council since 1916. Energetic member of the council with good voting record. Absent 7 out of 73 council sessions; missed 4 out of 46 committee meetings. Recommended for re-election.

HENRY O. TORKE, 789 41st St. Socialist candidate.

Twenty-third Ward

BOHN recommended.

JOHN L. BOHN, 456 23rd Ave.; present incumbent; age 52; real estate dealer; former saloon and restaurant keeper; in council since 1916. Has increased in efficiency with experience and has good record. Chairman judiciary committee. Absent 6 out of 73 council sessions; missed 5 out of 57 committee meetings. Entitled to re-election on his record.

WILLIAM E. JORDAN, 381 21st Ave. Socialist candidate.

Twenty-fourth Ward

SZPERA preferred.

WALTER SZPERA, 759 Lincoln Ave.; age 36; saloon and bowling alley.

MAX J. ELSNER, 876 23rd Ave. Socialist candidate.

Twenty-fifth Ward

BROWNE recommended.

LYMAN H. BROWNE, 929 Davis St.; age 53; advertising manager; candidate for the assembly, alderman and congress in 1912, 1914 and 1918; respectively. Believed qualified.

CHARLES G. SCHAD, 1398 12th St. Socialist candidate.

SUPERVISORS

First District (1st Ward)

CAREY recommended.

JOHN J. CAREY, 333 Bartlett Ave.; age 36; cashier Milwaukee branch Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York; good business experience and ability; the type of citizen desirable in public office. Believed well qualified.

EDMUND ULIK, 359 Brady St.; present incumbent; age 38; grocer; member of county board since 1912; of good character; has shown little capacity for public service, but voting record good. Attended all of 93 board sessions; missed 16 out of 404 committee meetings.

Third District (3rd and 4th Wards)

McCARTY recommended.

WILLIAM E. McCARTY, 600 Jefferson St.; age 49; present incumbent; insurance; former teaming contractor; chairman of the county board in which he has served since 1908; one of the leaders of the board with a good record. Absent 2 out of 93 sessions; missed 6 out of 204 committee meetings. Entitled to re-election on his record.

ROBERT M. MILLER, 467 Milwaukee St. Socialist candidate.

Fifth District (5th Ward)

HARMS recommended.

LOUIS HARMS, 542 National Ave.; age 49; present incumbent; real estate dealer; one of the most active members of the board; member since 1914; has good voting record. Absent 1 out of 93 sessions; missed 12 out of

350 committee meetings. Entitled to re-election.

GEORGE TEWS, 373 1st Ave. Socialist candidate.

Seventh District (7th and 10th Wards)

WUNDERLICH recommended.

EDWARD WUNDERLICH, 874 16th St.; age 48; painting contractor; Republican chairman, Seventh ward. Believed qualified. If his name does not appear on the ballot, write it in with pen or pencil.

JAMES P. SHEEHAN, 1005 7th St. Socialist candidate.

Ninth District (9th Ward)

PRETSCHOLD recommended.

ERNEST PRETSCHOLD, 1436 Walnut St.; age 40; manufacturer of awnings and tents; candidate for alderman in 1918. Believed qualified.

HENRY RIES, 593 17th St. Socialist candidate.

Eleventh District (11th and 23rd Wards)

MEISENHEIMER recommended.

ADAM MEISENHEIMER, 433 15th Ave.; age 69; real estate and insurance; member of common council 18 years; council term expires in April; well informed and familiar with methods of conducting public business.

ALFRED J. MELMS, 428 15th Ave. Socialist candidate.

Thirteenth District (13th Ward)

WANTA preferred.

STEPHEN A. WANTA, 32 Center St.; age 43; real estate dealer; former member of county board. Believed fairly well qualified.

ADOLPH HARRER, 319 Clarke St. Socialist candidate.

Fifteenth District (15th and 19th Wards)

FRANKE recommended.

HUGO O. P. FRANKE, 3003½ Galena St.; present incumbent; age 38; deputy sheriff 1907-08; member of board since 1914; one of the most active members of that body with generally good voting record. Absent 6 out of 93 board meetings; missed 62 out of 608 committee meetings. Entitled to re-election.

FREDERICK GERHARDT, 2703 Vliet St. Socialist candidate.

Seventeenth District (17th Ward, Town of Lake and City of Cudahy)

WARNIMONT recommended.

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In towns, villages and cities outside of Milwaukee practice varies with respect to other details. The safest plan is to consult the clerks of the various districts for instructions.

Polls in the city open at 6 A. M. and close at 8 P. M. Polls outside of the city open at 9 A. M. and close at 8 P. M.

All candidates will appear on the ballots as Nonpartisans.

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TO THE VOTERS OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY:

While the main purpose of this report of the Voters' League is to present information about candidates for supervisor selected at the primary just closed, the League wishes to call attention to the fact that a number of other important offices are to be filled, and that a number of important questions to be submitted for referendum at the election call for the earnest consideration of voters. The questions to be submitted are:

Bonds of \$1,260,000 for Holton St. viaduct.

Bonds of \$150,000 for Folsom St. bridge.

Bonds of \$2,500,000 for widening Cedar and Biddle Sts.

Shall taxes be levied not to exceed in any one year five-tenths of a mill upon all property in the city subject to taxation, for the purpose of providing a public land fund?

If the last question is voted upon affirmatively, about \$350,000 will be available annually for this fund. This does not mean, however, that the Land Commission may have this sum on demand. The common council controls the expenditure, and may call for none of it, in any given year. The council determines the question of necessity or desirability of the expenditure. The money may be expended for land purchases and improvements in connection with city planning generally.

The voters will also be called upon to elect a justice of the supreme court, a circuit judge, a city attorney, a justice of the peace and constable.

REPORT ON CANDIDATES

Of the nine candidates for supervisor whom the Voters' League recommended, or for whom it expressed preference in the primary, eight are candidates for election. The candidates remaining in the field for the election, and the League's recommendations, are:

Second District

JOHN SAXER, 1107 Chestnut St.; age 55; present incumbent; heating contractor twenty-two years; in board since 1912; previously supervisor 1906-10. Absent 6 out of 86 sessions; missed 37 out of 329 committee meetings. Good voting record. On account of experience, preferred over

ARTHUR H. HOLT, 1601 State St.; age 41; former saloonkeeper at 16th and State Sts.; salesman of convertible automobile bodies.

Fourth District

TIMMERMANN recommended.

LAWRENCE J. TIMMERMANN, 847 37th St.; age 43; practicing attorney since 1920; was at one time in railway mail service. Believed qualified and recommended over

GEORGE MOERSCHEL, 912 37th St.; present incumbent. Socialist candidate.

Sixth District

HERRMANN recommended.

GEORGE J. HERRMANN, 648 3d St.; age 41; merchant tailor; former member of common council, where he had good voting record. Because of previous public service considered qualified and strongly recommended over

CHARLES S. SCHIEWITZ, 574 5th St.; age 37; member assembly 1916-1918. Not recommended.

Eighth District

MICHALSKI preferred.

JOSEPH MICHALSKI, 894 Windlake Ave.; age 39; present incumbent; former owner of barber shop; now conducts dye works; in board since 1914; lacks aggressiveness in the board; criticised for using his influence excessively in behalf of friends who seek special consideration from the county or its institutions; voting record generally good. Absent 5 out of 86 sessions; missed 44 out of 275 committee meetings.

WALTER POLAKOWSKI, 918 6th Ave. Socialist candidate.

Tenth District

WANTZ recommended.

JOHN WANTZ, 1504 6th St.; age 60; police officer; retired with good record, and now drawing pension. Believed fairly well qualified.

FRED HEATH, 902 Locust St.; present incumbent. Socialist candidate.

Twelfth District

CZERWINSKI recommended.

MARTIN CZERWINSKI, 401 Mitchell St.; age 45; undertaker; present incumbent; in

board since 1912. Absent 8 out of 86 sessions; missed 40 out of 152 committee meetings. Good voting record; one of the aggressive and active members of the board. Entitled to re-election on his record.

STEPHEN PRZYBYLSKI, 838 Grove St.; age 27; grocer.

Fourteenth District

KOZLOWSKI recommended.

LEO F. KOZLOWSKI, 844 23d Ave.; age 35; druggist for twelve years, and now proprietor of two drug stores.

JOHN RUTKOWSKI, 1170 8th Ave. Socialist candidate.

Sixteenth District

JACOBUS recommended.

CHARLES C. JACOBUS, 277 Wisconsin Ave., Wauwatosa; age 57; present incumbent; in board 18 years; building and road contractor. Absent 2 out of 86 sessions; missed 31 out of 328 committee meetings. Has done effective work as chairman of highways committee. Entitled to re-election on his record.

JOHN J. MALLON, 180 32d St.; age 35; owner of retail cigar stores; former telegraph operator and traveling salesman; member City Safety Commission. Believed fairly well qualified.

Eighteenth District

FOSTER recommended.

ALBERT W. FOSTER, 619 Frederick Ave.; age 40; present incumbent; lawyer, has been active and aggressive, and has good voting record. Absent 1 out of 40 sessions; missed 16 out of 131 committee meetings. Entitled to re-election on his record and strongly recommended over

FRANK L. PRESCOTT, 1281 Frederick Ave.; age 44; engaged in publicity work; member of assembly in 1915 and again in 1921. Not recommended.

MARKED CHANGE IN PROBLEMS

In accordance with declarations of the Voters' League in former reports, it will not recommended for election any candidate of the Socialist party.

The County Board spends about \$4,000,000 annually, of which about \$3,000,000 is raised by taxation, the balance being obtained from various sources as income; but there are large expenditures that are more or less fixed and regular, including more than \$2,000,000 spent each year for the maintenance and operation of county institutions, as well as large sums for the maintenance of the courts, the sheriff's office and other departments. The work of these departments goes on with average checks and progress regardless of the complexion of the County Board, and there therefore has been a tendency to class the election of supervisors as of little importance.

However, the voter should not view the coming election with indifference. There has been a marked change in the character of the leading problems before the board in the past few years. This has been due to the increase in city and county population and force of circumstances, rather than to any conscious devising on the part of the supervisors themselves. It is reflected in the great expansion of concrete road building, in plans for lighting the county roads by electricity, and in recent legislation providing the county with a metropolitan sewage disposal plan, all of which call for a high type of public service. It may be said to the credit of the present Board of Supervisors that the majority of its members have generally exercised independence of judgment in the consideration of the various problems before them. As a part of the constructive work of the board may be noted securing legislation authorizing the employment of a manager of county institutions and subsequent employment of such a manager; employment of the field auditor, further development of the budget system; authorization of two women deputies for the sheriff; construction of highways and purchase of park lands. The manager of the county institutions is giving his support to improved methods of cost accounting and centralization, for both economy and efficiency, and his work, and the fact that the County Board sponsored the legislation that led to his employment as manager, is attracting considerable attention among county boards and legislators elsewhere.

The question of building a new courthouse, which has been discussed for twenty years, is still before the Board for solution as well as the question of combining the city Emergency hospital with the proposed new general hospital on the Schandeln tract, and the acquisition of riparian rights along the lake front to the county line, for public use, drives, etc.

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As in previous elections, the League sent a questionnaire to candidates requesting information to which every voter is entitled, and which might aid in formulating proper judgments. Where inadequate and ineffective public sentiment has resulted in a lack of strong candidates, the League has endeavored to recommend the best qualified.

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District

2nd.....Saxer preferred
4th.....Timmermann recommended
6th.....Herrmann recommended
8th.....Michalski preferred
10th.....Wantz recommended
12th.....Czerwinski recommended
14th.....Kozlowski recommended
16th.....Jacobus recommended
18th.....Foster recommended

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To the Voters of Milwaukee:

The Voters' League herewith submits its eighth biennial report on candidates nominated at the primaries for the Common Council and County Board of Supervisors for the final election, Tuesday, April 2d.

At this election six aldermen-at-large, twenty-five ward aldermen, nine supervisors from the even-numbered districts, and one to fill a vacancy in the 9th district, will be elected. Other officers to be elected are mayor, city comptroller, treasurer, city attorney, justice of the peace, constable, justice of the state supreme court and United States senator. Seven important bond issues and two plans of common council reorganization will be submitted to referendum.

The bond issues follow: (1) rebuilding Sixteenth street viaduct, \$200,000; (2) harbor, \$350,000; (3) public schools, \$500,000; (4) new North avenue bridge, \$200,000; (5) additional public bathing facilities, \$70,000; (6) additional funds for proposed new State street bridge, \$150,000; (7) central police station, \$250,000. Women may vote on school bond issues.

The two council reorganization plans before the voters provide respectively for (a) a council of 18 members consisting of six aldermen-at-large and twelve aldermen elected from districts, and (b) for a council of twenty-five ward aldermen only. These two plans received the highest number of votes among the six submitted at the primaries and one will be finally chosen at the election, to become effective in 1920. The present council consists of twenty-five ward aldermen and twelve aldermen-at-large.

THE VOTERS' LEAGUE RECOMMENDS PLAN No. 1, WHICH APPEARED ON THE BALLOT AS No. 3 AT THE PRIMARIES. IT RETAINS THE PRESENT MAKE-UP OF THE COUNCIL AS BETWEEN WARD ALDERMEN AND ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE; PROVIDES FOR ALTERNATE ELECTIONS OF NINE ALDERMEN EVERY TWO YEARS, THEREBY INSURING EXPERIENCED MEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE, AND MAKES A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF OVER HALF IN THE SIZE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL. THIS WILL MAKE FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY AND ELIMINATES THE EVIL EFFECTS OF LOCAL WARD POLITICS IN TRANSACTING THE BUSINESS OF THE CITY. WE URGE A UNITED VOTE ON PLAN NO. 1.

The Voters' League issues reports only on candidates for aldermen and supervisors. Please note that candidates for the County Board do not come within the provisions of the city non-partisan election law

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and that their names will appear under party designations as in former years. IGNORE PARTY LABELS AND CHOOSE THE BEST MEN, REGARDLESS OF PARTY DESIGNATIONS. Estimates contained in this report are based upon investigation of the candidates, upon information considered reliable from other sources, and from official and other records.

Voters are reminded that in issuing its final pre-election report, the Voters' League is obliged to make its recommendations from candidates remaining in the field, and that in some instances the men recommended as best qualified are considered so only in comparison with other candidates for the same office.

The Voters' League disregards party affiliations and bases its recommendations on the personal qualifications of individuals, but we are not recommending men who have assumed a hostile attitude towards the national government in its war program. Among such are the members of the social democratic party. Because the socialist leaders have committed their party to the disloyal anti-war platform as adopted at St. Louis, which none of the candidates nominated in the party referendum have seen fit to publicly repudiate, and BECAUSE NO ONE WHO SUBSCRIBES TO THIS DISLOYAL PLATFORM CAN, IF ELECTED, HONESTLY TAKE THE REQUIRED OATH OF OFFICE, it is impossible for us to recommend for public office any social democrat.

FOR THESE REASONS WE AGAIN URGE EVERY VOTER TO CONSIDER WELL BEFORE VOTING FOR ANY CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT UNRESERVEDLY AND WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORTING OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN ITS CRISIS.

AT THIS TIME EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN SHOULD REALIZE THAT LOYALTY TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATION FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. ALL CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED BY THE LEAGUE HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH AND ARE SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

AN ESSENTIAL DUTY OF CITIZENSHIP IS TO VOTE AT ELECTIONS. HE WHO FAILS IN THIS DUTY AT THE PRESENT TIME IS A SLACKER. RECORDS SHOW THAT ABOUT TWENTY PER CENT OF OUR REGISTERED VOTERS NEGLECT TO VOTE AND THEREIN FAIL TO PERFORM THE DUTY WHICH CITIZENSHIP IMPOSES UPON THEM. THIS ELECTION ASSUMES MORE THAN LOCAL IMPORTANCE; A GREAT PRINCIPLE IS INVOLVED, NAMELY LOYALTY TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. CANDIDATES ARE SEEKING OFFICE ON A PLATFORM OPENLY DENOUNCING THE PARTICIPATION OF THIS NATION IN THE WAR FOR DEMOCRACY. THE VOTE AT THIS ELECTION WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT MILWAUKEE IS TO BE KNOWN

THROUGHOUT THE NATION AS A LOYAL OR DISLOYAL CITY. IT IS THE SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF EVERY VOTER TO GO TO THE POLLS TO VOTE WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND AND TO VOTE ONLY FOR THOSE UNRESERVEDLY SUPPORTING OUR GOVERNMENT. A VIGOROUS EXPRESSION OF LOYALTY IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MORALE OF OUR SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT AS WELL AS TO OUR CITIZENS AT HOME. AT THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY THERE SHOULD BE NO SLACKERS.

Our recommendations, together with individual estimates, follow:

ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE

HASE (former alderman).....No. 1 on Ballot
 MORGAN (present incumbent).....No. 6 on Ballot
 ALTPETER (present incumbent)No. 8 on Ballot
 BULDER (present incumbent).....No. 9 on Ballot
 O'CONNOR.....No. 10 on Ballot
 CARNEY (former alderman).....No. 11 on Ballot

(Note—The names of the candidates for aldermen-at-large are given in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. Disregard arrangement of names and vote on merit.)

ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE

1. HENRY HASE, 2916 McKinley Blvd.; age 70; street contractor fourteen years; retired since 1916; previously city sales manager for Pabst Brewing Co. 21 years; served on county board 1881-83; alderman 11th ward 1884-86, 1890-94 and 1898-1900; president of council 1890-94; believed capable of good service.

2. CASIMIR KOWALSKI, 1102 6th Ave.; age 34; insurance agent; candidate for supervisor in 1912, for alderman-at-large and county treasurer in 1914. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

3. WM. COLEMAN, 715 41st St.; age 39; business agent, formerly saloon keeper; previously painter; present incumbent by appointment since October, 1916, to fill vacancy; alderman-at-large 1910-14; candidate for same office 1914 and 1916 and for state assembly 1914. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

4. EDWARD H. KIEFER, 538 11th St.; age 44; painter by trade; business agent of painters' union; state assemblyman 1910-14; candidate for state senator in 1914 and for alderman-at-large in 1916. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

5. FREDERICK BROCKHAUSEN, 1135 Arthur Ave.; age 60; cigar manufacturer; member of state essembly 1905-07-09; candidate for state senator 1912, alderman 5th ward and register of deeds in 1914, alderman-at-large and for state assembly in 1916. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

6. BYRON A. MORGAN, 714 Murray Ave.; age 49; general insurance and real estate; present incumbent since 1914; council record generally good; should be re-elected.

7. SAMUEL M. RUBIN, 833 9th St.; chemist. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

8. OSCAR ALTPETER, 702 36th St.; age 60; roofing supplies; alderman 1884-90, 1908-10 and present incumbent since 1914; council record generally good; should be re-elected.

9. HENRY BULDER, 4701 Pabst Ave.; age 52; merchant tailor; alderman-at-large 1908-10 and present incumbent since 1914; recommended over opposing candidates.

10. WM. O'CONNOR, 2102 Grand Ave.; age 48; real estate 8 years; formerly in dairy business and real estate; superintendent of garbage collection in health department 1906-10; candidate for alderman 4th ward 1906 and for alderman-at-large and state assembly 1916; believed qualified and recommended for election.

11. JOS. P. CARNEY, 786 40th St.; age 47; printer and proof-reader; served as alderman-at-large 1908-12 and city treasurer 1912-16; candidate for mayor and sheriff 1916; well qualified; should be elected.

12. WM. J. ALLDRIDGE, 596 Delaware Ave.; age 39; law student; machinist by trade; present incumbent since 1910. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

WARD ALDERMEN

First Ward

SUMINSKI recommended.

JOHN I. SUMINSKI, 328 Brady St.; age 39; embalmer and funeral director; of good reputation, successful in his business and believed better qualified than

STORMY S. THOMPSON, 408 Windsor Place; age 43; plumbing contractor; present incumbent since 1914; voting record on more important roll calls not good.

Second Ward

WEISS recommended.

LOUIS WEISS, 336½ 12th St.; age 54; insurance and collections; formerly hardware dealer; present incumbent since 1916, also alderman same ward 1910-12; considered fairly well qualified and recommended over

JAMES JOHNSON, 257 9th St.; painter. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Third Ward

CORCORAN recommended.

CORNELIUS CORCORAN, 222 Martin St.; age 53; hay, oats and grain (Corcoran Bros.); present incumbent since 1892; president of council; able and aggressive; considered well qualified and recommended over

PETER ZOLL, 404 Cass St.; restaurant. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Fourth Ward

KOERNER recommended.

JOHN KOERNER, 187 12th St.; age 46; saloon and cafe; present incumbent since 1916; former alderman 1904-06 and 1908-12; has initiative and ability; considered fairly well qualified and because of his council experience recommended over

GEO. L. O'DONNELL, 1215½ Clybourn St.; age 28; superintendent for O'Donnell Bros., contractors, 5 years; formerly in city health department as assistant food inspector; member county civil service commission past six months; believed fairly well qualified.

Fifth Ward

CHAMBERLAIN recommended.

GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN, 472 National Ave.; age 34; florist past four years, formerly brakeman and conductor on railroad; of good reputation; believed fairly well qualified and recommended over

THOMAS REYNOLDS, 409 Walker St.; saloon; present incumbent since 1916. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Sixth Ward

HERRMANN recommended.

GEORGE J. HERRMANN, 640 First St.; age 37; merchant tailor; present incumbent since 1914; council record generally good; should be re-elected.

ARTHUR SHUTKIN, 715 Germania St.; druggist. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Seventh Ward

JOHN DOERFLER, JR., 990 10th St.; age 36; lithographer; present incumbent since 1912. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

FRED ZERNIA, JR., 1909 Wright St.; carpenter; no other information obtainable. Has not answered questions as to loyalty.

Eighth Ward

SZCZERBINSKI recommended.

ANTHONY SZCZERBINSKI, 919 5th Ave.; age 40; real estate; present incumbent since 1910; attendance record for past two years good; voting record fairly good; considered qualified and should be re-elected.

ANTON BARANOWSKI, 480 Mitchell St.; age 29; solicitor for a brewing company; formerly in coroner's office and previously clothing salesman.

Ninth Ward

PRETSCHOLD recommended.

ERNEST PRETSCHOLD, 1436 Walnut St.; age 38; maker of awnings and tents past 15 years; of good reputation; believed qualified and recommended over

HERMAN O. KENT, 2115 Galena St.; age 34; linotype operator for Milwaukee Leader; member state assembly since 1914. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Tenth Ward

MEISING preferred.

CHAS. MEISING, 787 16th St.; age 41; salesman for S. C. Herbst Importing Co.; candidate for county board 1914 and 1916 and for state senate 1916; believed fairly qualified and preferred over

CARL P. DIETZ, 778 17th St.; age 43; insurance agent; formerly justice of peace; city comptroller during socialist administration 1910-12; candidate for same office 1912 and 1914 and for justice of peace in 1916. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Eleventh Ward

PHIL W. WOIDA, 734 18th Ave.; age 34; calendar salesman; candidate for assembly 1908 and for county board 1912 and 1914.

OLE A. OLSEN, 815 Forest Home Ave.; age 40; barber; present incumbent since 1912. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Twelfth Ward

GEDLINSKI recommended.

MARTIN GEDLINSKI, 413 Mitchell St.; age 45; Eagle Tea Co.; candidate for assembly in 1912 and 1914; believed fairly well qualified and recommended over

MAX GRASS, 293 Mitchell St.; age 42; machinist; present incumbent since 1914 and formerly alderman 1906-12. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Thirteenth Ward

LANDOWSKI recommended.

ROBT. J. LANDOWSKI, 933 Humboldt Ave.; age 33; plumbing contractor past 5 years; formerly journeyman plumber; candidate for alderman 1916; believed fairly qualified and recommended over

HERMAN BRAUN, 924 Buffum St.; tannery worker. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Fourteenth Ward

LUKASZEWICZ recommended.

ANTON J. LUKASZEWICZ, 1020 4th Ave.; age 38; baker; present incumbent since 1916 and member county board 1912-14; attendance and voting record good; should be re-elected.

PETER J. KAMINSKI, 683 Hayes Ave.; age 40; organist past 3 years; formerly saloon and grocery for 16 years. Considered fairly well qualified.

Fifteenth Ward

O'CONNOR recommended.

CHAS. W. O'CONNOR, 299 21st St.; age 32; clerk and insurance agent; present incumbent since 1916; recommended over

GUSTAVE PAGEL, 379 34th St.; compositor. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Sixteenth Ward

GROGAN recommended.

PATRICK J. GROGAN, 2611 Sycamore St.; age 60; insurance agent; formerly ward foreman and previously milk dealer; present incumbent since 1916; also alderman 1886-88 and 1900-02; recommended over

EDWARD SCHENDEL, 3025 Highbridge Ave.; occupation given as locomotive engineer. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Seventeenth Ward

CAMPBELL recommended.

GEO. C. CAMPBELL, 591 Linus St.; age 44; confectionery and news dealer; present incumbent since 1914; considered fairly well qualified and recommended over

PAUL GAUER, 221 Graham St.; secretary in mayor's office; formerly clerk in county clerk's office. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Eighteenth Ward

GREENE recommended.

WM. I. GREENE, 677 Summit Ave.; age 43; general insurance (Greene Bros. & Hansen); present incumbent since 1912; alderman 1898-1900; generally good council record; president of public library board past two years; valuable member of council; well qualified and should be re-elected.

CON. C. LLOYD, 760 Newhall St.; age 43; lawyer since 1909; railroad civil engineer 1896-1908; candidate for alderman 18th ward 1910, 1st ward 1914, for civil judge 1915; considered fairly well qualified.

Nineteenth Ward

ESSER recommended.

WM. ESSER, 3616 Lisbon Ave.; age 42; plumbing contractor past 17 years; formerly plumber and jobbing; very good reputation; considered well qualified and recommended over

HERMAN R. MILLER, 629 27th St.; photographer. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Twentieth Ward

PETERS recommended.

MATHIAS G. PETERS, 1072 26th St.; age 37; real estate and insurance past eight years, also with American Cartage Co.; vice-president Atlas Investment Co., formerly general contractor; believed qualified and recommended over

AUG. W. STREHLOW, 1209 W. 24th St.; age 41; painting contractor; present incumbent through appointment to vacancy since Sept. 25, 1916; former alderman 1906-16; candidate for alderman-at-large 1916. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Twenty-first Ward

SEEMAN recommended.

HERMAN SEEMAN, 61 Locust St.; age 38; owner shoe repair shop; believed qualified and recommended over

WM. BAUMANN, 1316 Booth St.; age 46; tailor; present incumbent since 1912. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Twenty-second Ward

RADKE recommended.

JOHN W. RADKE, 4409 Lisbon Ave.; age 31; undertaker, formerly on fire department; present incumbent since 1916; recommended over

JOHN HASSMANN, 772 39th St.; carpenter contractor; former alderman 1906-12; candidate for re-election 1912. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Twenty-third Ward

BOHN recommended.

JOHN L. BOHN, 437 Layton Blvd.; age 50; saloon and restaurant; present incumbent since 1916; with a few exceptions voting and attendance record good; shows constructive ability and independence; should be re-elected.

OTTO C. LEMBKE, 379 28th Ave.; occupation given as chauffeur. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Twenty-fourth Ward

RECHLICZ recommended.

ANTHONY J. RECHLICZ, 808 Becher St.; age 45; hardware merchant 11 years; previously foreman A. O. Smith plant 11 years; candidate for alderman-at-large 1908; believed fairly well qualified and recommended over

MAX J. ELSNER, 876 23rd Ave.; age 42; butcher by trade; present incumbent since 1914; during four years has shown little ability for council work. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Twenty-fifth Ward

RICHARDS recommended.

JOHN RICHARDS, 1312 7th St.; age 60; painting contractor; believed qualified and recommended over

CHAS. C. SCHAD, 1398 12th St.; painter; member present grand jury. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

SUPERVISORS

Because of the grand jury investigation of county board affairs, the Voter's League has been hesitant in making recommendations as to a few supervisors, candidates for re-election. We had hoped that more definite information as to the reliability or unreliability of certain information before us would be established by this time. In the meantime we have proceeded on the theory that every man is entitled to be considered innocent until proven otherwise. As any supervisor who has been unfaithful to the trust reposed in him by the public will undoubtedly be removed from office, we are giving all present incumbents the benefit of this theory, especially where the choice is between one supporting the government and one who is not.

Second District (2nd Ward)

SAXER preferred.

JOHN SAXER, (Dem.), 1107 Chestnut St.; age 51; heating contractor 18 years; present incumbent since 1912; previously supervisor 1906-10; good voting record past two years; preferred over

JOS. KLEIN, (Soc. Dem.), 303 13th St.; Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Fourth District (20th and 22nd Wards)

WINTER recommended.

MICHAEL WINTER, (Rep.), 5029 North Ave.; age 45; carpenter contractor; member county board 1912-14; candidate for re-election in 1914; believed fairly well qualified and recommended over

GEO. MOERSCHEL, (Soc. Dem.), 912 37th St.; cigar manufacturer; present incumbent since 1914; supervisor 1908-12; has shown little ability for county

board work. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Sixth District (6th Ward)

ENGEL preferred.

JACOB J. ENGEL, (Dem.), 784 1st St.; age 47; commission merchant; present incumbent since 1912 with a good attendance and voting record; work on behalf of county civil service and salary revision commendable; preferred over

WM. KLEIN, (Rep.), 758 Island Ave.; age 39; saloon keeper; formerly grocer and butcher.

FRED SONNENBERG, (Soc. Dem.), 628 1st St.; bottler. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Eighth District (8th Ward)

MICHALSKI recommended.

JOS. MICHALSKI, (Dem.), 894 Windlake Ave.; age 35; saloon keeper one year; formerly owner of barber shop 12 years; present incumbent since 1914 with a good voting and attendance record; should be re-elected.

JOHN F. LORKOWSKI, (Rep.), 740 7th Ave.; age 34; boiler engineer; formerly chief engineer at court house for three years; considered fairly qualified.

WM. C. KRAUSE, (Soc. Dem.), 637 2nd Ave.; machinist. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Ninth District (9th Ward)

HUCKE recommended.

HERMAN J. HUCKE, (Dem.) 2328 Walnut St.; age 53; fire insurance agent; formerly tax assessor 1903-12; present incumbent by appointment since July 1917, to fill vacancy; member county board 1914-16 with good voting and attendance records; candidate for re-election in 1916; considered fairly well qualified and should be re-elected.

HENRY RIES, (Soc. Dem.), 593 17th St.; cigar maker; former alderman 9th ward 1906-12 with party record; candidate for alderman 1912 and 1914. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Tenth District (21st and 25th Wards)

FRED HEATH, (Soc. Dem.), 902 Locust St.; newspaperman; present incumbent since 1910; former alderman and school director. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

GEORGE A. HEIDEN, (Rep.), 1367 Green Bay Ave.; age 50; undertaker and livery 20 years; candidate for state assembly 1914 and 1916. Upon investigation we are unable to recommend him for public office.

Twelfth District (12th Ward)

CZERWINSKI recommended.

MARTIN CZERWINSKI, (Dem.), 401 Mitchell St.; age 41; undertaker past 15 years; present incumbent since 1912 with a fairly good record; considered fairly well qualified and should be re-elected over

WM. L. SMITH, (Soc. Dem.), 835 Kinnickinnic

Ave.; age 40; barber for 16 years; state assemblyman since 1912. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Fourteenth District (14th and 24th Wards)

SZEWCZYKOWSKI preferred.

THOMAS SZEWCZYKOWSKI, (Dem.), 902 13th Ave.; age 37; grocery and saloon; present assemblyman since 1916; alderman 24th ward 1912-14 with a fair council record; candidate for re-election and state senator in 1914 and for alderman 24th ward 1914 and 1916; considered fairly well qualified and preferred over

JOHN KURTZ, (Soc. Dem.), 997 22nd Ave.; upholsterer. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Sixteenth District (16th Ward and City and Town of Wauwatosa)

JACOBUS recommended.

CHAS. C. JACOBUS, (Rep.), 277 Wisconsin Ave.; Wauwatosa; age 53; cement contractor for 14 years; present incumbent for 14 years with a good attendance and voting record; work as chairman of highways committee especially commendable; considered qualified and recommended over

GEO. J. INDRA, (Soc. Dem.), 43 Park Hill Pl.; locomotive engineer; candidate for supervisor 1912, 1914, 1916, for state assembly 1912, 1914, 1916. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Eighteenth District (18th Ward, Towns of Granville and Milwaukee, and Villages of North Milwaukee, Whitefish Bay and Shorewood)

DAVIES preferred.

W. W. DAVIES, (Rep.), 477 Cramer St.; age 40; automobile salesman; formerly on city fire department (now on pension); present incumbent since 1912 with a good attendance and voting record; preferred over

CHAS. J. SHURR, (Soc. Dem.), 363 Bellevue Pl.; age 53; printing foreman; candidate for county board and state assembly 1914, for alderman 18th ward 1916. Stands on social democratic disloyal platform; considered disqualified.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT N. LAFLIN, Chm'n.

ROBERT N. McMYNN

HERMAN A. WAGNER

T. L. HARRINGTON

PERCY H. EVANS

ROBERT T. HAZELWOOD

J. D. HICKEY

GALBRAITH MILLER, Jr.

WM. J. BOLLENBECK, Sec'y.

(MAJOR WALTER STERN, Vice-chairman, not signing because of absence from city on war duty.)

Milwaukee, March 29th, 1918.

To the Voters:

At the election on April 2d the voters of Milwaukee will decide whether the common council shall consist of eighteen or twenty-five members instead of thirty-seven as* at present. These two plans of council reorganization were numbered respectively 3 and 6 at the primary election but will appear as numbers 1 and 2 on the final election ballot. The plan receiving the larger vote will become effective in 1920.

The present council is made up of twenty-five ward aldermen elected every two years and twelve aldermen-at-large, six elected every two years for four-year terms.

Plan No. 1 provides for a council of 18, consisting of six aldermen-at-large, three to be elected every two years for four-year terms, and twelve aldermen from as many districts, six elected from the odd and even numbered districts alternately every two years for four-year terms. The districts are to be determined by the common council and will practically consist of two wards each with an average population for each district of about 37,000 people and 6,900 voters.

Plan No. 2 eliminates the present twelve aldermen-at-large and leaves twenty-five ward aldermen, but provides that all shall be elected at the same time for four-year terms.

The Voters' League, in common with most of the other active civic bodies, strongly favors plan No. 1, and urges its adoption for the following reasons:

1. Plan No. 1 provides for a more substantial reduction in the size of the council than plan No.

2. We believe that 18 aldermen can do better and more effective work than 25.

2. It will result in a broader and better selection of men upon whom it will be easier for the public to fix responsibility through publicity, thereby insuring better services by them.

3. It reduces the number of aldermen without altering the principle of representation at large. At the same time it does not unduly enlarge the territory to which the alderman is responsible in local matters. It will give aldermen a longer term to become acquainted with their duties.

4. It retains six aldermen-at-large to act as a balance wheel in the interests of the entire city and counteract the tendency of aldermen from wards as now constituted to place their local interests above the general welfare of the entire city.

5. It enables each voter to have a larger voice in the selection of members of the council than plan No. 2. He will vote for his district representative and have a voice in the selection of six aldermen to represent the city in general, three to be voted for at one time.

6. With only three aldermen-at-large to be elected stronger and abler men can be chosen. Under the present system it is often impossible to find six good men in the field.

7. A council of 18 will require more intensive committee work and will enable each alderman to become better acquainted with the business of the city. It will tend to expedite council sessions and to eliminate wrangling and unnecessary debates and delays.

8. At the present scale of salaries (\$1,200) it will mean a saving of \$22,800 annually over the present salary schedule. It will result in a saving of \$8,400 over plan No. 2.

9. It will permit minority representation, but enlarging the districts will have the effect of making it more difficult for incompetent men to be elected.

10. It will enable the mayor, who is elected every two years, to have at least one-half of the council elected with him and therefore should bring about closer co-operation between the executive and legislative branches of the city government than will be possible under plan No. 2, under which the council would be elected every four years.

11. BY MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE ONE-HALF OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP EVERY TWO YEARS, THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CHANGING THE POLICY OF ITS LEGISLATIVE BODY IN CASE IT IS UNSATISFACTORY, WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE END OF FOUR YEARS; ELECTIONS EVERY TWO YEARS WILL ALSO TEND TO KEEP THE PUBLIC IN CLOSER TOUCH WITH ITS OFFICIALS AND WILL MAKE THE OFFICIALS THEMSELVES MORE CONSIDERATE OF THE WISHES OF THE PUBLIC. THIS METHOD OF ELECTIONS PREVAILS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENT SELECTION OF ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE STATE AND UNITED STATES SENATE, AND WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY'S INDEPENDENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AND EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT IT SHOULD BE RETAINED IN THE FUTURE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN SO THAT THERE ALWAYS WILL BE EXPERIENCED MEN IN OFFICE.

12. REPRESENTATION BY WARDS ONLY WAS FOUND TO BE UNSATISFACTORY IN MILWAUKEE AND WAS DISCARDED IN FAVOR OF REPRESENTATION BY ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE AND BY WARDS. PLAN No. 1 CONTINUES THIS LATTER ORGANIZATION BUT IN IMPROVED FORM BY MATERIALLY REDUCING THE MEMBERSHIP, WHICH CHANGE IS NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE.

The plan adopted will go into effect automatically with the election of 1920 but no alderman elected this year will be legislated out of office; therefore it will not be fully effective until 1922.

Plan No. 1 has the approval of the city's leading civic organizations whose members have carefully studied the matter and are probably free from the bias arising from political or selfish considerations.

VOTE FOR PLAN No. 1 BY MARKING AN (X) OPPOSITE IT ON THE BALLOT.

QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL REORGANIZATION SUBMITTED TO REFERENDUM ON APRIL 2nd

1. Shall the common council consist of six aldermen-at-large and twelve district aldermen, all aldermen to be divided into two groups, each group to be elected for four year terms at alternate biennial elections? (Formerly designated as plan No. 3.)

2. Shall the common council consist of twenty-five aldermen only, elected every four years? (Formerly designated as plan No. 6.)

CITY OF MILWAUKEE DIVIDED INTO TWELVE ALDERMANIC ELECTION DISTRICTS

(According to suggestions made by the late Ald. Henry Smith)

	WARDS	POPULATION
1st DISTRICT.....	1st and 18th.....	27,494
2d DISTRICT.....	3d and 4th.....	30,873
3d DISTRICT.....	2d and 9th.....	33,852
4th DISTRICT.....	6th and 10th.....	34,815
5th DISTRICT.....	13th and 21st.....	33,641
6th DISTRICT.....	15th, 16th and 19th.....	33,249
7th DISTRICT.....	7th and 25th.....	28,977
8th DISTRICT.....	20th and 22d.....	27,555
9th DISTRICT.....	5th and 23d.....	35,095
10th DISTRICT.....	8th and 14th.....	35,221
11th DISTRICT.....	12th and 17th.....	32,039
12th DISTRICT.....	11th and 24th.....	26,405

The above mentioned population, as per last official United States census of 1910.

NOTE.—Chapter 327, laws of 1917, which provides for a referendum on common council reorganization, states that if this plan is approved by a majority of voters the common council shall, within one year, divide the city into twelve districts numbered from one to twelve which shall be as nearly equal in population and in as compact form as may be.

SOME CITIES HAVING SMALL LEGISLATIVE BODIES

City.	Population	Size
Boston.....	734,743.....	9
Pittsburgh.....	564,878.....	9
Detroit.....	546,183.....	21*
Buffalo.....	457,723.....	5
San Francisco.....	452,255.....	18
Los Angeles.....	452,410.....	9
Newark.....	389,106.....	5
Seattle.....	313,029.....	9
Indianapolis.....	259,820.....	9
Denver.....	245,533.....	9
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NOTE—The final report on candidates for the common council and county board nominated at the primaries will be issued a few days before election on April 6.

Additional copies of the pre-primary report may be obtained upon request at our office, 608 University Building.

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF VOTERS' LEAGUE

First Ward.....	No preference as between TRZEBIATOWSKI, HANNIFIN AND SUMINSKI.
Second Ward.....	WEISS
Third Ward	CORCORAN
Fourth Ward	Koerner preferred
Fifth Ward	No preference expressed
Sixth Ward	HERRMANN
Seventh Ward.....	KOELZER
Eighth Ward	BRZONKALA
Ninth Ward	BENDINGER
Tenth Ward	TESCH
Eleventh Ward	KOSAŁ
Twelfth Ward	DREZDZON
Thirteenth Ward	LUDWIG
Fourteenth Ward	LUKASZEWICZ
Fifteenth Ward	O'CONNOR
Sixteenth Ward	McWilliams preferred
Seventeenth Ward	CAMPBELL
Eighteenth Ward	GREENE
Nineteenth Ward	ESSER
Twentieth Ward	DIETRICH
Twenty-first Ward	MUT
Twenty-second Ward	RADY
Twenty-third Ward	B
Twenty-fourth Ward.....	F
Twenty-fifth Ward	No

SUPERVISORS

First District.....	No preference expressed
Third District.....	M'CARTY
Fifth District	HARMS
Seventh District.....	No contest
Ninth District	PRETSCHOLD
Eleventh District	MEISENHEIMER
Thirteenth District	FROEDE
Fifteenth District	FRANKE
Seventeenth District	WARNIMONT
Eighteenth District...	No preference expressed
Nineteenth District	BADEN

DEVELOPING.

DO NOT FAIL TO VOTE

CONCRETE ROAD BUILDING

The board has a big programme of concrete road building outlined. Milwaukee county roads have won favorable comment throughout the country.

NEW COURT HOUSE

The court house project is still in a state of suspension. Efforts are being made by both supervisors and aldermen to enlist co-operation that may result in locating it in the proposed Civic Center.

The proposal to erect a new court house has been under discussion for many years, and there has been considerable dissatisfaction expressed by the public with the manner in which the county board has handled the problem. There appears to be a widespread belief that factions in the board which favor one site as against another for the new building, are deliberately evading definite action, although the county has long outgrown the present building. The public is put to great inconvenience by the fact that courts and other departments under county control are located in various buildings more or less distantly located, instead of being under one roof. In September, 1912, the county board created a special commission to be known as the Committee on Construction of New Court House, committee being empowered to inspect houses and other municipal buildings throughout the country for ideas that might be applicable here. This junket was made, and the committee issued an elaborate report, proliferated; but the board is apparently no nearer the erection of a new court house than it ever was. Some years ago progress was halted by a taxpayers' action to restrain the county from carrying out plans to locate the structure on the Kneeland site, on Grand avenue.

SUPERVISOR RESIGNS

The two supervisors who were indicted by the grand jury because of their activities in connection with the Muirdale sanatorium construction were fined \$700 each on bribery charges. One failed of re-election. The other resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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1920 TO THE VOTERS OF MILWAUKEE:

The Voters' League, in submitting its biennial report on candidates for the Common Council and the County Board of Supervisors, to be selected at the primary election March 23, again urges upon every citizen the necessity for most careful consideration in the exercise of his elective franchise. The citizen who treats his vote as a mere perfunctory obligation is unjust to himself and untrue to the highest obligations of citizenship.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER NEED FOR THE EXERCISE OF DISCRIMINATION IN A LOCAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

Each voter will mark his ballot for mayor, city treasurer; city comptroller, ward alderman, and in the odd numbered districts for a member of the County Board for a term of four years. In the Eighteenth district a supervisor is to be elected for a term of two years to fill a vacancy. The two receiving the highest number of votes in the primary for the respective offices become candidates at the final election.

The position of alderman-at-large has been abolished by act of the legislature. The aldermen-at-large whose terms expire in 1922 will continue in office until that time. The law contemplates the election of ward aldermen, only.

All candidates will appear on the ballot as non-partisans.

The following list of some of the projects to come before the next Common Council indicates the need for exercising good judgment in selecting the men who are to govern the city during the coming four years:

ZONING OF THE CITY FOR RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING PURPOSES.

LAYING OUT OF ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS.

CIVIC CENTER.

WORLD WAR SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

DEVELOPMENT OF CITY MARKETING.

CARRYING FARM PRODUCE INTO THE CITY ON ELECTRIC LINES.

OUTER HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF STREET RAILWAY LINES.

COMPLETION OF THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT.

WATER FILTRATION PLANT.

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PENSIONS FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES.

EXTRACTION OF FATS FROM GARBAGE AND SALE OF PRODUCTS.

HOUSING PROBLEM.

COMPLETION OF CITY LIGHTING SYSTEM.

AS THE POSITION OF CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT IS DETERMINED BY LOT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE VOTER MAKE HIS SELECTION WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE CANDIDATE APPEARS AT THE TOP OR THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST. LET MERIT ALONE CONTROL. CARELESSNESS IN THE PRIMARY CANNOT BE REDEEMED AT THE ELECTION APRIL 6.

VOTERS' LEAGUE AND ITS METHODS

The Voters' League is maintained by contributions from public spirited citizens who believe in its work; no subscriptions are accepted from officials or candidates for office.

An independent, non-partisan, voluntary association of citizens, its purpose is to furnish information to those who have neither the time nor the opportunity to obtain for themselves facts concerning candidates necessary to an intelligent selection, and aid in the election of those believed to be best qualified for office.

The League maintains a permanent office. Its field secretary attends meetings of the Common Council, Board of Supervisors and School Board and their committees. The records of members are compiled, arranged and published. Information about candidates is also obtained through personal interviews, and from oral and written statements concerning them from numerous other sources, including references furnished by the candidates. This information is carefully weighed. All recommendations and reports are based upon the deliberate and unanimous judgment of the individuals composing the League. Others who support the League, whether in following its recommendations or in contributing money for its maintenance, or in both ways, have no voice in shaping its policy or formulating its reports and recommendations, hence are neither directly nor indirectly responsible for the same.

As in previous elections, the League sent a questionnaire to each candidate, requesting information to which every voter is entitled, and which will aid in formulating proper judgments. Where inadequate and ineffective public sentiment has resulted in a lack of strong candidates, the League has endeavored to recommend the best qualified.

approximately \$900,000 in salary increases, mostly in flat bonuses. The proposed survey is of importance in its bearing on reclassification established on fairness and merit, designed to hold out proper inducements to competent employes. Socialists and non-partisans in the common council have been alike in their tendency to regard city employes as possible political allies, and to be dealt with as such.

MANY APPOINTMENTS

The terms of many of those who are to be appointed to various public positions by the head of the incoming administration will continue for several years after the administration itself steps out. Thus, while the mayor will hold office for four years, commissioners appointed by him may continue in office three years longer in some cases. Appointments are to be made of public debt commissioners, fire and police commissioners (provided that body is not abolished in the meantime), trustees of the public museum, harbor commissioners, city service commissioners, trustees of the Emergency hospital, public land commissioners, members of the park board, tax commissioner, health commissioner, building inspector, city engineer and smoke inspector.

SOCIALISTS IN THE COUNCIL

With Ald. Seidel retiring in April, the Socialists will control the council if they elect three additional members of their party as aldermen. Although the law contemplates the election of non-partisans, the Socialists continue to hold their own referendum and to conduct their campaign along partisan lines.

The record shows that most of the advanced measures submitted to the council, some of them of great importance to the city, originated with non-Socialist aldermen. The Socialists, as in former years, lacked initiative. The secret caucuses of the non-partisans were dropped, except for the selection of a city clerk and a successor to the late Ald. Wittig. The Socialists, however, apparently continued their caucuses as usual, and revealed party machine dictation in every instance where party principles or policies were involved.

REPORT ON COUNTY BOARD

The County Board consisted of nineteen members. The names, with the Socialists designated as S. D., follow:

- First District—ULIK
- Second District—SAXER
- Third District—McCARTY
- Fourth District—MOERSCHER (S. D.)
- Fifth District—HARMS
- Sixth District—SONNENBERG (S. D.)
- Seventh District—SHEEHAN (S. D.)
- Eighth District—MICHALSKI
- Ninth District—RIES (S. D.)
- Tenth District—HEATH (S. D.)
- Eleventh District—MELMS (S. D.)
- Twelfth District—CZERWINSKI
- Thirteenth District—FROEDE
- Fourteenth District—SZEWCZYKOWSKI
- Fifteenth District—FRANKE

Sixteenth District—JACOBUS
Seventeenth District—WARNIMONT
*Eighteenth District—DAVIES
Nineteenth District—BADEN
*Resigned.

There has been some criticism of poor attendance at committee meetings of the county board. There are on the board, however, a number of men who are diligent and experienced, and it is to these primarily that it owes its comparatively good record.

SALARY INCREASES

Among the proceedings that won general commendation was the adoption of salary schedules submitted by the County Civil Service commission. The Socialist minority fought as a unit for a flat salary increase of \$20 per month for all employees. This proposal was defeated by the following vote:

Ayes—HEATH, MELMS, MOERSCHEL, RIES, SONNENBERG, SHEEHAN (S. D.), SZEWCZYKOWSKI (N. P.)—7.

Noes—BADEN, CZERWINSKI, DAVIES, FRANKE, FROEDE, HARMS, JACOBUS, McCARTY, MICHALSKI, SAXER, ULIK, WARNIMONT—12.

The majority stood consistently for the raises in pay based upon service classifications and increased living costs, and apparently reached a fair decision. Incidentally they saved the taxpayers \$61,000 which would have been spent had the flat increase carried.

COUNTY DISPENSARY

A far-reaching step has been taken by the establishment of the County Dispensary, temporarily located at Fifth street and Grand avenue. The act creating the dispensary is so drafted that it enables consolidation with the city Emergency hospital. Whether that step will be taken is problematical. Organized with a staff of skilled physicians, the dispensary is designed for the treatment and prevention of disease, particularly among those who cannot afford medical service. Particular attention is to be given to stamping out venereal diseases. The motives which impelled its establishment were considerations of public health and an endeavor to co-ordinate and concentrate medical aid in the county, and promote efficiency and economy in the various county institutions concerned in the care of the sick.

NEW HOSPITAL PLANS

The board adopted an advanced method of obtaining plans for the proposed new general hospital on the Schandein tract, on upper Grand avenue. The plan is one advocated by the Wisconsin chapter, American Institute of Architects, and provides for open competition, pursuant to a programme outlined by A. C. Clas. The County Board of Administration will have charge of the erection of the hospital, when built.

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PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS.

Voters' League Recommendations Endorsed.

Thirty-one out of thirty-seven candidates recommended as best qualified by the Voters' League were nominated at the Primary election on March 21, 1916.

This indicates a strong approval of the efforts of the League to give information to assist in the election of qualified Aldermen and Supervisors and the willingness of the electorate to act upon unbiased and reliable information, which is almost a necessity because of the multiplicity of candidates under jungle ballot conditions.

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SUMMARY OF VOTERS' LEAGUE REPORT.

ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE.

Of the non-partisan candidates for Aldermen-at-Large we consider the following as best qualified, and in the order named:

†BOGK No. 5 on ballot
 †McKINLEY No. 2 on ballot
 †MEISENHEIMER No. 7 on ballot
 O'CONNOR No. 11 on ballot

Of the candidates nominated in the Socialist party referendum we consider the following three as best qualified, and in the order named:

*SEIDEL No. 10 on ballot
 *COLEMAN No. 3 on ballot
 ‡BROCKHAUSEN No. 6 on ballot

(†Present incumbents. *With former council experience. ‡With former experience in legislature. See individual reports.)

WARD ALDERMEN.

First Ward THOMPSON
 Second Ward MANNING
 Third Ward CORCORAN
 Fourth Ward McDERMOTT
 Fifth Ward No Preference Expressed
 Sixth Ward HERRMANN
 Seventh Ward KICKHAEFER
 Eighth Ward SZCZERBINSKI
 Ninth Ward GREDE
 Tenth Ward TESCH
 Eleventh Ward WEISHAN
 Twelfth Ward KRYSIAK
 Thirteenth Ward No Preference Expressed
 Fourteenth Ward No Preference Expressed
 Fifteenth Ward O'CONNOR
 Sixteenth Ward SIMPSON
 Seventeenth Ward CAMPBELL
 Eighteenth Ward GREENE
 Nineteenth Ward KLEIS
 Twentieth Ward BEST
 Twenty-first Ward BAUMANN
 Twenty-second Ward No Preference Expressed
 Twenty-third Ward BOHN
 Twenty-fourth Ward SZEWCZYKOWSKI
 Twenty-fifth Ward No Preference Expressed

SUPERVISORS.

First District (1st Ward) ULIK
 Third District (3rd and 4th Wards) McCARTY
 Fifth District (5th Ward) HARMS
 Seventh District (7th and 10th Wards) SHEEHAN
 Ninth District (Ninth Ward) HUCKE
 Eleventh District (11th and 23rd Wards) ROCK
 Thirteenth District (13th Ward) FROEDE
 Fifteenth District (15th and 19th Wards) FRANKE
 Seventeenth District (17th Ward and Town of Lake and City of Cudahy) WARNIMONT
 Nineteenth District (Hales Corners, West Milwaukee, West Allis, South Milwaukee, Greenfield, Franklin and Oak Creek) BADEN

To the Voters of Milwaukee:

The Voters' League herewith submits its seventh biennial report on candidates nominated at the primaries for the Common Council and County Board of Supervisors. The date of the election is Tuesday, April 4.

At this election six aldermen-at-large, and ten supervisors from the uneven numbered districts, are to be elected for a period of four years, and twenty-five ward aldermen will be chosen for two years, in addition to a mayor, city comptroller, city treasurer, a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Civil Court, a justice of the peace, a constable and delegates to the presidential nominating conventions. Five important bond questions also will be voted on as follows: Sewerage, \$1,560,000; harbor, \$200,000; west side police station, \$50,000; street light distribution system, \$750,000, and schools, \$840,000. The Voters' League reports only on candidates for the Council and County Board and makes no recommendations as to other candidates or bond issues.

VOTERS ARE REMINDED THAT THIS ELECTION IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND THAT THE SELECTION OF EFFICIENT AND COMPETENT OFFICIALS IS A VITAL NECESSITY. EVERY ELECTOR IS URGED TO VOTE ON CANDIDATES AND BOND ISSUES.

Attention is called to the fact that candidates for the County Board do not come within the provisions of the city non-partisan election law and that the names of these men will appear under party designations as in former years. It is essential, however, to ignore party labels and to CHOOSE THE BEST MEN, REGARDLESS OF PARTY DESIGNATIONS.

The estimates which follow are based upon investigation of the candidates and upon information from other sources, considered reliable. Voters are reminded that in issuing its final pre-election report the Voters' League is obliged to make its recommendations from those remaining in the field after the primary election and that in some instances the men recommended as best qualified are considered so only in comparison with other candidates for the same office; this is especially the case where better qualified men failed of nomination at the primaries and where the final choice

must necessarily be made from some who may be lacking in desirable qualifications but who, nevertheless, are believed better qualified than their opponents before the final election. There are some six or seven instances where this may apply.

Where qualifications are otherwise about the same, preference is given to present incumbents or those who have had previous public service, because of such qualifying experience.

It may be said that the desirability of electing any avowed Social Democratic candidates may fairly be questioned because of their being controlled by a party caucus which largely prevents independent action, thus depriving the local government of the individual qualifications on which our recommendations are based. The function of this organization, however, is to furnish information as to the relative qualifications of the candidates, regardless of political affiliations, and its recommendations are based thereon. The Social Democratic candidates are identified in the individual reports by the words, "nominated in Socialist party referendum," so that the voter can discriminate in this respect, if that is his desire. Where candidates are apparently about equally qualified the preference is given to the non-socialist because more independent action may be expected.

Information, considered reliable, has been received by the Voters' League indicating concerted political activity at and before the Primary election upon the part of certain employees of The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company and also by the Fred Miller Brewing Company in certain wards, including the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth and Twenty-second.

We wrote to the officials of these companies bringing this matter to their attention and asking them to discuss the subject with us at a stated time. The president of the street railway company promptly disclaimed, upon its behalf, any official connection therewith. Down to the time when this pamphlet goes to press, March 30, we have heard nothing from the Miller Brewing Company.

Voters are urged to preserve this report for use at the polls. Pamphlets containing the complete report can be had free of charge by applying at our office.

ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE.

Of the non-partisan candidates for Aldermen-at-Large we consider the following four as best qualified, and in the order named:

†BOGK.....No. 5 on Ballot
†McKINLEY.....No. 2 on Ballot
†MEISENHEIMER.....No. 7 on Ballot
O'CONNOR.....No. 11 on Ballot

Of the candidates nominated in the Socialist party referendum we consider the following three as best qualified, and in the order named:

*SEIDEL.....No. 10 on Ballot
*COLEMAN.....No. 3 on Ballot
‡BROCKHAUSEN.....No. 6 on Ballot

(†Present incumbents. *With former council experience. ‡With former experience in legislature. See individual reports.)

(Note:—The names of the following candidates for aldermen-at-large are given in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. Disregard arrangement of names and vote on merit.)

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS ON CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE.

1. EDWARD H. KIEFER, 646½ 11th St.; age 42; painter; assemblyman 1911 and 1913; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered fairly qualified.

2. GEORGE B. McKINLEY, 138 Juneau Ave.; age 49; coal salesman; has served in council since 1902; good council record; shows useful and improving service; considered qualified; should be re-elected.

3. WILLIAM COLEMAN, 602 Chestnut St.; age 37; saloon, formerly painter; alderman-at-large 1910-14 with a good council record impaired by party influence; candidate for same office and for state assembly in 1914; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered qualified.

4. WINFIELD R. GAYLORD, 405 Manitoba St.; age 45; razor sharpening machinery; formerly clergyman; state senator 1908-14; candidate for governor 1906; for alderman-at-large 1910 and 1912, and for congress 1912 and 1914; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered qualified.

5. FREDERICK C. BOGK, 260 34th St.; age 50; insurance; has served in council since 1904; excellent council record; considered well qualified; we urge his re-election.

6. FREDERICK BROCKHAUSEN, 1102½ 22nd Ave.; age 58; cigar manufacturer; assemblyman 1905-07-09-11; candidate for state senator 1912 and for alderman Fifth Ward and register of deeds, 1914; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered qualified.

7. ADAM MEISENHEIMER, 433 15th Ave.; age 55; real estate and insurance; completing fourteenth (not consecutive) year; council record on the whole, good; earnest and devoted to his duties and because of his knowledge of city affairs and his experience we recommend him for re-election.

8. AUGUST W. STREHLOW, 1209 West 24th St.; age 49; painter contractor; completing tenth year as alderman Twentieth Ward; services hampered by party ties; assemblyman 1906; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered fairly qualified.

9. EDWARD A. WITTIG, 837 Richards St.; age 57; men's furnishings and clothing; member of council since 1898; fairly good council record but inferior to some previous service; active and industrious but with some serious limitations.

10. EMIL SEIDEL, 1154 20th St.; age 52; party lecturer, formerly pattern maker; alderman 1904-10 with a good council record; mayor 1910-12; candidate for mayor 1912 and 1914; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered qualified.

11. WILLIAM O'CONNOR, 2102 Grand Ave.; age 45; real estate; formerly milk dealer; superintendent of collections in health department 1906-10; candidate alderman Fourth Ward 1906; believed qualified.

12. FRED C. FASS, 665 2nd St.; age 58; undertaker; completing twelfth (not consecutive) year; general council record fair but deteriorating service during past four years.

WARD ALDERMEN.

FIRST WARD.

Vote for THOMPSON.

STORMY S. THOMPSON, 408 Windsor Place; age 40; plumbing contractor; present incumbent since 1914 with a generally good council record and because of his experience recommended over

ALBERT TREZEBIATOWSKI, 360 Irving Place; age 40; real estate and insurance; candidate for same office in 1914; believed fairly qualified.

SECOND WARD.

Vote for MANNING.

THOMAS A. MANNING, 307 13th St.; age 29; lawyer; present incumbent since 1914 with an excellent council record; member state assembly 1913; should be re-elected to council.

LOUIS WEISS, 336½ 12th St.; age 52; recently employed on city tax roll; formerly agent for brewery and previously hardware dealer; alderman Second Ward 1912-14 with a fair council record; considered fairly well qualified.

THIRD WARD.

Vote for CORCORAN.

CORNELIUS CORCORAN, 222 Martin St.; age 52; dealer in hay, grain and oats; completing twenty-fourth year in council; president of council; considered well qualified; entitled to re-election on an excellent council record.

MARION H. WHITAKER, 519 Milwaukee St.; age 56; secretary of barbers' union; formerly barber; nominated in Socialist party referendum; no other information.

FOURTH WARD.

Vote for McDERMOTT.

WM. F. McDERMOTT, 221½ 18th St.; age 37; saloon for six years until November 1915; formerly railroad employee; present incumbent since 1914 with a fairly good voting record; considered fairly well qualified and entitled to re-election.

JOHN KOERNER, 185 Tenth St.; age 43; saloon; alderman Fourth Ward 1904-10 and 1912-14 with a fair and improving record; candidate for same office 1914; considered fairly well qualified.

FIFTH WARD.

No preference expressed.

FRANK N. FITZPATRICK, 440 Fifth Ave.; age 44; tailor; alderman-at-large 1911-12 with an unsatisfactory council record; candidate for re-election 1912; considered fairly qualified.

THOS. M. REYNOLDS, 298 Grove St.; saloon; nominated in Socialist party referendum; no other information.

SIXTH WARD.

Vote for HERRMANN.

GEORGE J. HERRMANN, 653 Island Ave.; age 36; tailor; present incumbent since 1914 with a fairly good council record; fairly well qualified and entitled to re-election.

JACOB URICH, 479 Eighth St.; salesman; nominated in Socialist party referendum; no other information.

SEVENTH WARD.

Vote for KICKHAEFER.

WILLIAM KICKHAEFER, 927 Center St., age 43; retired; formerly grocer; of good reputation and believed better qualified than

JOHN DOERFLER, JR., 990 Tenth St.; age 34; commercial artist; alderman Seventh Ward since 1912 with a party record; active and capable but hampered by party ties; nominated in Socialist party referendum.

EIGHTH WARD.

Vote for SZCZERBINSKI.

ANTHONY SZCZERBINSKI, 919 Fifth Ave.; age 38; real estate and insurance; present incumbent since 1910; entitled to re-election and recommended over

LEO A. BRZEZINSKI, 684 Mitchell St.; age 31; barkeeper; nominated in Socialist party referendum.

NINTH WARD.

Vote for GREDE.

GEORGE T. GREDE, 1904 Walnut St.; age 41; real estate and insurance; formerly telegraph operator; alderman Ninth Ward since 1912 with a fairly good record; fairly well qualified and entitled to re-election over

EDMUND J. BERNER, 1520 Cherry St.; age 52; cigar maker; former assemblyman 1905-07-09-11; candidate for state senate 1912, and alderman-at-large same year; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered fairly qualified.

TENTH WARD.

Vote for TESCH.

ROBERT TESCH, 2018 Lloyd St.; age 36; cigar manufacturer and salesman; alderman Tenth Ward since 1914 with a fairly good council record; entitled to re-election.

J. W. MURDOCK, 649 Twelfth St.; age 40; dentist; nominated in Socialist party referendum; no other information.

ELEVENTH WARD.

Vote for WEISHAN.

LOUIS WEISHAN, 711 Layton Blvd.; age 50; ward foreman for past fifteen years; formerly iron molder; believed better qualified and recommended over.

OLE A. OLSEN, 815 Forest Home Ave.; age 38; barber; present incumbent since 1912 with a party record; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered fairly qualified.

TWELFTH WARD.

Vote for KRYSIAK.

JOSEPH W. KRYSIAK, 546 Grove St.; age 28; real estate, loans and insurance; formerly salesman; believed fairly well qualified and recommended over

MAX A. GRASS, 293 Mitchell St.; age 40; machinist by trade; alderman Twelfth Ward 1906-12 and 1914-16 with a party record for past two years; nominated in Socialist party referendum; service not as good as in former years; considered fairly qualified.

THIRTEENTH WARD.

No preference expressed.

ROBERT J. KEMPF, 978 Island Ave.; age 38; coal salesman; alderman Thirteenth Ward since 1914 with a fairly good record; considered fairly qualified.

ALBERT F. GIESE, 1037 Buffum St.; age 42; grocer; formerly carpenter; alderman Thirteenth Ward 1910-12; candidate in 1912; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered fairly qualified.

FOURTEENTH WARD.

No preference expressed.

LOUIS MAZUREK, 1031 First Ave.; age 30; deputy sheriff; formerly tax assessor one year and previously machinist and brush maker; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered fairly qualified.

ANTON J. LUKASCEWICZ, 1020 Fourth Ave.; age 36; baker; member county board 1912-14 with a fair record; considered fairly qualified.

FIFTEENTH WARD.

Vote for O'CONNOR.

CHARLES W. O'CONNOR, 299 21st St.; age 31; insurance agent and clerk; candidate in 1914; considered qualified and recommended over

ADOLPH G. SCHWEFEL, 417 23rd St.; age 45; lawyer; alderman Fifteenth Ward 1912-14 with a council record considered not commendable; candidate for city attorney in 1914; not recommended.

SIXTEENTH WARD.

Vote for SIMPSON.

WILLIAM H. SIMPSON, 3119 Grand Ave.; age 69; retired; formerly fuel business; present incumbent since 1914 with a good record; considered qualified and should be re-elected.

P. J. GROGAN, 2611 Sycamore St.; age 58; ward superintendent; formerly milk dealer; alderman Fourth Ward 1886-88, and Sixteenth Ward 1900-02; considered fairly qualified.

SEVENTEENTH WARD.

Vote for CAMPBELL.

GEORGE C. CAMPBELL, 591 Linus St.; age 42; confectionery and cigars; formerly roll turner in steel mill; alderman Seventeenth Ward since 1914 with a fairly good council record which entitles him to re-election.

WILLIAM YOCHUM, 727½ Wilson St.; age 64; deputy sheriff; formerly glassworker; nominated in Socialist party referendum.

EIGHTEENTH WARD.

Vote for GREENE.

WILLIAM I. GREENE, 677 Summit Ave.; age 41; insurance; alderman 1898-1900 and 1912-16; considered well qualified; should be re-elected on an excellent council record.

FRANK E. BUESTRIN, 752 Frederick Ave.; age 51; president of Buestrin Construction Co.; believed well qualified.

NINETEENTH WARD.

Vote for KLEIS.

JOHN KLEIS, 462 38th St.; age 47; mason foreman; present incumbent since 1912 with a fairly good voting record; considered fairly well qualified.

PAUL E. SCHMIDT, 612 26th St.; age 38; sign painter; formerly tax assessor 1912-16; nominated in Socialist party referendum; no other information.

TWENTIETH WARD.

Vote for BEST.

RUDOLPH BEST, 1624 Center St.; age 43; druggist; candidate in 1914; believed qualified and recommended over

CARL H. MINKLEY, 1269 19th St.; age 50; painter; alderman-at-large 1911-12 to fill vacancy; candidate for same office 1912; member assembly 1913 and 1915; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered fairly qualified.

TWENTY-FIRST WARD.

Vote for BAUMANN.

WILLIAM BAUMANN, 1316 Booth St.; age 44; tailor; present incumbent since 1912 with a party record; nominated in Socialist party referendum; of limited ability but because of his experience in council recommended over

WILLIAM PAPE, 1219 Holton St.; age 30; saloon; believed fairly qualified.

TWENTY-SECOND WARD.

No preference expressed.

ALBERT C. EHLMAN, 690 37th St.; age 39; lawyer; nominated in Socialist party referendum; believed well qualified.

JOHN W. RADKE, 4409 Lisbon Ave.; age 29; undertaker; formerly on fire department and previously clerk; believed qualified.

TWENTY-THIRD WARD.

Vote for BOHN.

JOHN L. BOHN, 437 Layton Blvd.; age 48; saloon and restaurant; formerly hotel; member county board 1898-1902 with a good record; of good reputation and considered qualified.

WILLIS E. ACKER, 439 16th Ave.; age 60; deputy sheriff; formerly machinist; former candidate for sheriff; nominated in Socialist party referendum.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

Vote for SZEWCZYKOWSKI.

THOMAS SZEWCZYKOWSKI, 902 13th Ave.; age 35; saloon and grocery; formerly molder; alderman 1912-14 with a fair council record; candidate for council and for state senate in 1914; considered better qualified than

MAX J. ELSNER, 821 21st Ave.; age 40; butcher by trade; present incumbent since 1914 with a party record; nominated in Socialist party referendum; has shown little ability for council work.

TWENTY-FIFTH WARD.

No preference expressed.

ARTHUR URBANEK, 1107 Ring St.; age 34; molder; member county board 1908-12 and of council 1912-16 with a party record; nominated in Socialist party referendum; considered fairly qualified.

OTTO C. MANKE, 709 Hadley St.; age 32; saloon; formerly salesman; believed fairly qualified.

FOR SUPERVISORS.

FIRST DISTRICT (1st Ward)

Vote for ULIK.

EDMUND A. ULIK (Dem.), 359 Brady St.; age 34; grocer; member county board since 1912 with a good record as supervisor; qualified and recommended over

CHARLES C. McDONALD (Soc. Dem.), 672 Jefferson St.; age 50; solicitor; former superintendent garbage collection; candidate for assembly 1912 and 1914 and for supervisor 1912 and 1914; believed fairly qualified.

THIRD DISTRICT (3rd and 4th Wards).

Vote for McCARTY.

WILLIAM E. McCARTY (Dem.), 344 Jackson St.; age 45; teaming contractor; has served eight years on county board with a good record; chairman 1914-16; qualified and entitled to re-election over

DENNIS GOOD (Soc. Dem.), 1104 Hibernia St.; age 51; machinist helper; candidate for supervisor in 1914; believed fairly qualified.

FIFTH DISTRICT (5th Ward).

Vote for HARMS.

LOUIS HARMS (Dem.), 289 Grove St.; age 45; real estate and insurance; member county board since 1914 with a good record; considered fairly qualified and entitled to re-election.

HARLEY F. NICKERSON (Soc. Dem.), 481 Hanover St.; machinist by trade; inspector public works department 1910-12; candidate for state assembly 1914; believed fairly qualified.

SEVENTH DISTRICT (7th and 10th Wards).

Vote for SHEEHAN.

JAMES P. SHEEHAN (Soc. Dem.), 1005 Seventh St.; age 46; cigar maker; supervisor 1904-12 with a good record; chairman county board 1910-12; candidate alderman-at-large 1914; considered well qualified and recommended over

CHARLES MEISING (Rep.), 787 16th St.; age 39; saloon; formerly cigar salesman; candidate for same office in 1914; believed fairly qualified.

NINTH DISTRICT (9th Ward).

Vote for HUCKE.

HERMAN J. HUCKE (Dem.), 2328 Walnut St.; age 51; fire insurance agent; formerly tax assessor and previously grocery clerk; member county board since 1914 with a record which entitles him to recommendation over

RICHARD PEZOLDT (Soc. Dem.), 498 20th St.; age 50; cigar maker; candidate in 1914.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT (11th and 23rd Wards).

Vote for ROCK.

HUBERT J. ROCK (Rep.), 645 Scott St.; age 58; real estate and insurance; supervisor Eighth District 1908-10 with a good record; candidate in Eleventh District 1914; considered qualified and recommended over

ALFRED J. MELMS (Soc. Dem.), 428 15th Ave.; age 40; insurance agent; deputy sheriff 1910-12; member county board since 1914; considered fairly qualified.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (13th Ward).

Vote for FROEDE.

ALBERT FROEDE (Dem.), 833 Island Ave.; age 57; lawyer; register of probate 1893-1901; believed better qualified than

HENRY HERZER (Rep.), 1016 Third St.; age 66; tool maker; assemblyman 1881, and supervisor 1885; candidate for supervisor 1914; believed fairly qualified.

PAUL BRINGE (Soc. Dem.), 1066 Second St.; bricklayer.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT (15th and 19th Wards).

Vote for FRANKE.

HUGO O. P. FRANKE (Rep.), 3303½ Galena St.; age 34; heating contractor; deputy sheriff 1907-08; member county board since 1914; considered qualified.

HERMAN KLUCKOW (Soc. Dem.), 657 34th St.; tool maker; no other information.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

(17th Ward, Town of Lake and City of Cudahy.)

Vote for WARNIMONT.

EUGENE WARNIMONT (Rep.), 432½ Logan Ave.; age 31; cigar salesman; member county board since 1914 with a record which entitles him to re-election.

CHARLES BURMEISTER (Soc. Dem.), Town of Lake; age 51; gardener; former trustee chronic insane asylum; candidate for supervisor 1914; believed fairly qualified.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

(West Milwaukee, West Allis, South Milwaukee,
Greenfield, Franklin and Oak Creek.)

Vote for BADEN.

BENJAMIN BADEN (Rep.), Town of Franklin; age 54; farmer; supervisor 1896-1906 and 1912-16 with a record which entitles him to re-election over

OLIVER M. CARTER (Soc. Dem.), West Allis; garage; no other information.

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